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For: IRON COMPOUND CATALYST FOR INHIBITING GENERATION OF DIOXIN
AND INCINCERATION PROCESS OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE USING
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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action of July 17, 2001 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 2-6, 16-21 and 29. An examination on the merits is awaited taking into account the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 25, 2001, applicants' claim for benefit of prior US patent applications, the evidence provided by Mr. Matsui in a declaration made September 21, 2001 and the remarks accompanying the Amendment of April 25, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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